

ly on board the gunboat Petrel, and that the vessel named will remain off the coast for some time.

STARVING PEASANTS.

Deploable Condition of the People in the Russian Province of Kazan.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—A clergyman residing at present in the province of Kazan, Russia, has written a letter to the Pall Mall Gazette, in which he gives a harrowing description of the sufferings of the unfortunate peasants of that province, brought on by the failure of the crops. Large numbers of them, he says, are in an absolute state of starvation. Many have been unable to obtain bread for weeks, and in their efforts to sustain life they have been compelled to eat grass and leaves. In one of the villages of the province, consisting of 140 houses, the clergyman visited all the peasants. Here were found sixteen persons in a veritable emaciated condition and slowly and painfully dying from starvation. Of all the residents of the houses only twenty were found eating ordinary food in a quantity sufficient to keep them alive. Visits made to a number of other villages revealed a similar state of destitution and distress. In all of them numbers of persons were found either dead or dying from starvation. There was no immediate prospect of any betterment in the condition of the peasants, and it was feared that, driven by the pangs of hunger, they will attempt to gain food by any means, lawful or unlawful. Strong men look upon their wives and children slowly dying for want of bread and it is not to be expected that under such conditions they will be amenable to any law save that which dictates to them the preservation of the lives of their families. There is much excitement throughout the province among the poorer classes, and an outbreak may occur at any time.

FROM A BRITISH STAND-POINT.

Attempt of the London Times to Belittle the Intercontinental Railway Scheme.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Times today publishes a three-column article upon the projected intercontinental railway, which, when completed, will link the South and Central American republics with each other and with the United States. In discussing these plans, the Times expresses the opinion that Mr. James G. Blaine, the United States Secretary of State, is a "man of grandiose ideas, and if, as it seems quite possible, he is the next President, there will be some chance of realizing the scheme. Continuing, the Times says that the project aims to join the markets of North and South America, but there is no place for a general commercial system even in the relations between these republics. The railroad, which would be completed in 1915, with the great waterways on either side of the continent, from Buenos Ayres to New York and from Valparaiso to San Francisco, the existing means of transport are simpler and cheaper than they could ever be made on a railroad. It is obvious that the scheme equally has political as well as commercial ends in view. The Times then turns to the American Republics, even though the first outward sign of union will be nothing but an iron rail, with the supreme center of the republics government, and the project is a conception of captivating magnitude. The Times also asserts that the recent proposals on the part of the United States looking to the development of resources with the various republics of the continent were generally received by the countries to which overtures were made as specimens of absolutely cynical Anglo-Saxon selfishness, and that the proposals created a profound distrust in American bargains. Turning upon the United States, the Times says that the project is a scheme to rob the capital to be found for the enormous enterprise, the Times expresses the opinion that it cannot be found in the needy southern republics, and that the United States must be the one to provide it. The latter would be obliged to guarantee the interest on the cost of construction, and there is a strong conviction that the United States would recoup itself for this guarantee at the expense of the republics further south. Many people of practical opinion, says the Times, believe that the scheme will never be realized. The price demanded by the United States for guaranteeing the bonds of the railroad will be in commercial and political compassions, which the other republics could not grant. The United States is regarded as the rival of England, and as the states of the southern half of the continent were developed by English capital there exists an important party which will regard any steps toward closer commercial and political relations with the United States as a step away from an old and trusted friend.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS.

The Prince of Wales Laboring in Behalf of Russia's Persecuted Jews.

LONDON, Aug. 25.—The Pall Mall Gazette today says that the Prince of Wales is taking great interest in the matter of the persecution of the Jews in Russia and in the condition of the immigrants that that nationality who are coming to England. The Prince, the Gazette says, has devoted considerable time to a thorough study of the question. Though he has not taken any direct measures to help the persecuted Jews, fearing that such action on his part would wound the feelings of the Russians, he has indirectly given much assistance to the anti-Jewish committee. The Prince of Wales, who is a sister-in-law of the Czar, is co-operating with the Prince, and is rendering much valuable aid in his efforts to ameliorate the condition of the poverty-stricken Hebrews.

Close of the Fete in Honor of Frenchmen.

PORTSMOUTH, Aug. 25.—The official programme of festivities in honor of the French fleet was concluded today. The Duke of Cambridge held the annual review of the troops, the Duke of Connaught commanding. In the evening Admiral Gervais entertained members of the royal family and English and French officers on board the Marengo. The French fleet was on the parade, and the usual protestations of friendship were exchanged.

Should Print Instructions in Spanish.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 25.—Importers of American agricultural machinery complain because of the failure of the manufacturers to print in Spanish the instructions for putting the machinery together. The purchasers are at a loss to understand the English terms employed; hence, prefer to deal with European manufacturers, who furnish their customers with Spanish instructions.

Colima's Volcano Still Active.

CITY OF MEXICO, Aug. 25.—A telegram received from Colima says that the volcano is still active, and, besides the lava that is continually being thrown out, an occasional shower of ashes falls about the country. The wind has carried the ashes fully fifty miles distant. A scientific expedition is now making an examination of the volcano.

Bismarck Losing His Memory.

BERLIN, Aug. 25.—The Saale Zeitung says that Prince Bismarck is afflicted with drowsiness and is losing his memory. Age is rapidly telling on the ex-Chancellor.

Free Water-Works for the Fair.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—The world's fair management have accepted the proposition of the Henry R. Worthington Company, of New York, to put in a pumping plant with a capacity of 40,000 gallons per day, free of charge. The plant will furnish all the water required for the grounds and buildings, and will cost about \$150,000. The same company furnished the Paris exposition with a plant of 5,000,000 gallons capacity. Eiffel's proposition to build a tower on the grounds was received yesterday and will be considered today.

Lynched Because He Was a Rowdy.

TULLAHOMA, Tenn., Aug. 25.—Will Lewis, colored, aged eighteen years, was taken from the calaboose here at 1 o'clock this morning by eight masked men and hanged to a tree. Lewis was a drunken rowdy, but had been guilty of no grave crime so far as known. It is said White Cars executed him.

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GOOD SPORT ON THE TURF

Fast Time by Trotters and Pacers at the Hartford, Conn., Driving Park.

Twelve-Heat Race at Independence, Ia.—Winners at Terre Haute, Jerome Park, Saratoga and Chicago—Ball Games.

HARTFORD, Conn., Aug. 25.—About 2,500 persons attended the opening of the fall meeting at Charter Driving Park today. The weather was fine and the track was in splendid condition, fast time being made in all the races. In the first Grant's Abdallah was a strong favorite on the start, but when Crawford took the third heat the talent began to pick him for a winner. Abdallah took the next two heats and the race was a close one. Henrietta was picked out to win the 2:19 trotting race, and did it, but there were many who expected first money to go to the Seer, and especially after he had taken these two heats. Problem made good time in all except the second heat, when he came in last. The unexpected happened in the third race, the 2:23 trot. In the betting ring everybody wanted to buy Martha Wilkes. N. T. H. started as a strong second, but was soon relegated to the field. Both he and Slight seemed in the race to be speedier than Martha. The former won the race, and Slight was picked out to win the 2:14 race, but a break in 2:14. It was a pretty exhibition and was much applauded. The summaries of the races follow:

First Race—2:16 class; pacing; purse, \$2,000.

Grant's Abdallah	4	1	1	1
Vietto	6	2	2	2
Maude M	4	4	4	4
Cesar	5	6	5	4
Crawford	2	7	1	3
Maude M	3	4	3	4
KingToska	1	3	dr.	

Time—2:18 1/2, 2:16 1/2, 2:17, 2:21 1/2.

Second Race—2:19 class; trotting; purse, \$2,000.

Henrietta	7	5	1	1
The Seer	3	1	5	2
Problem	1	7	2	3
Maude M	2	4	3	4
Tom Arden	6	8	6	5
Chester D.	5	4	7	8
Maude M	3	4	3	4
Dawson	8	6	8	dr.

Time—2:21 1/2, 2:22 1/2, 2:19 1/2, 2:20 1/2.

Third Race—2:23 class; trotting; purse, \$2,000.

N. T. H.	1	1	1	1
Martha Wilkes	3	2	2	2
Slight	2	2	2	2
Maude M	4	3	4	3
Eva Wilkes	5	6	5	6
Maude M	6	5	6	5

Time—2:22 1/2, 2:20 1/2, 2:21.

Exciting Contest at Independence.

INDEPENDENCE, Ia., Aug. 25.—One of the largest, hottest and most exciting races ever contested was the opening of today's programme—the unfinished three-year-old-and-under race. Birch, the two-year-old, was good for two heats, Jessie L. then claimed two and was distanced. Then the fun began. No one thought himself capable of picking the winner, and no one did pick the winner. The world's record for the largest number of heats in a race was broken, the previous record being eleven. The last class of three-year-olds went under the wire twelve times, taking two entire afternoons to do it. In the next race the talent picked Monday for the winner, but he was not in the work in 2:21 in Chicago, last week. He won easily in two heats, the last half of the last heat being made in 1:58 1/2. The last quarter was 33 seconds, a time never equaled by Axtell or Allerton in their two-year-old form. Thursday he will start against his record. 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